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1. The modernization of the Polish Army includes a reduction in the number of types of motor vehicles. Consequently, in the future only the following makes of Polish vehicles are to be found in the army:

Lublin trucks
Star-20 trucks and buses
Warszawa passenger cars
Ursus tractors

Czech-made Skoda trucks and Czech motorcycles will still be used in addition to the Polish models.

2. In order to carry out this program the Poles began to sell at a low price to China, North Korea and North Vietnam. This was soon stopped by the Soviets who decided that only Star-20's could be sold to China. The Polish Army has a considerable number of ZIS and GAZ vehicles left.
2. The Star-20 is an improved copy of the Soviet ZIS. The passenger car which is constructed in Zeran (N 52-18, E 20-59) near Warsaw is a copy of the Soviet Pobeda. The Ursus tractors are copies of Soviet prototypes and are built on license.
4. A Polish passenger car, Syrena, is at present being built at the Zeran factory. It is intended principally for civilian use. Because the army must be supplied first of all and because of a great shortage of material, the manufacture of Syrenas is proceeding very slowly. It is even said that production will be discontinued.
5. Soviet troops in Poland use the following passenger cars and trucks:

ZIS	Pobeda
GAZ	Moskvich (used recently for the first time)

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6. The following Soviet vehicles have also been observed in Poland:
- a. A new improved Soviet truck from the GAZ factory which is a copy of the American Studebaker.
 - b. A copy, with many changes, of the American Willys .

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